



**MOTIONS**  
**2023 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**November 6, 2023**  
**Draft as of October XX, 2023**  
*(Subject to Change)*

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**PRELIMINARY MOTION**

**ORDER OF THE ARTICLES**

**MOVED:** That the Town Meeting hear the motions in the following order: 1  
  
*(Majority vote.)*

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**ARTICLE 1**

**REPORTS**

**MOVED:** That Article 1 be taken from the table.  
  
**MOVED:** That Article 1 be laid on the table.  
  
*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 2**

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)-OFF CYCLE  
REQUEST(S)**

**MOVED:** A. That \$360,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Community Path Phase 1 Design.  
  
**MOVED:** B. That \$160,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the Town Hall Retaining Wall.  
  
**MOVED:** C. That \$200,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the School Administration Building Roof Restoration.  
  
*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

*DRAFT DOCUMENT*

Reporting: The Select Board, Warrant Committee and the Community Preservation Committee will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 3** **TRANSFERS TO STABILIZATION FUNDS**

**MOVED:** That the Town **appropriate** and transfer the amount of **TBD** into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board and the Warrant Committee will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 4** **CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SECURITY CAMERAS AT WELLINGTON & CHENERY SCHOOLS**

**MOVED:** That the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$160,000 **from the tax levy** for security cameras at the Wellington and Chenery schools.

*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board, Warrant Committee and the Comprehensive Capital Budget Committee will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 5** **REPLACE GENERAL BYLAW §60-310 WITH SPECIALIZED ENERGY CODE**

**MOVED:** That the Town amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Belmont as printed in Article 5 of the November 6, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

*(Majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 6** **AMEND ZONING BYLAW(S): RESTAURANTS**

**MOVED:** That the Town amend the Belmont Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 6 of the November 6, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

*(Two-thirds majority Vote)*

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board and the Planning Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 7** **AMEND ZONING BYLAW(S): OFF STREET PARKING**

**MOVED:** That the Town amend the Belmont Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 7 of the November 6, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

***(Two-thirds majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board and the Planning Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 8** **REMOVAL FROM CIVIL SERVICE: POLICE**

**MOVED:** That the Town remove the Police Department from the provisions of the Civil Service Laws, and the rules and regulations relating to the same, by revoking the Town's acceptance of Section 37 of Chapter 19 of the General Laws voted under Article 15 of the Warrant for the 1915 Annual Town Meeting and of Section 48 of Chapter 31 (as both have been recodified in G.L. c. 31, § 52).

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 9** **CITIZEN PETITION: HOME RULE LEGISLATION / 61B EXEMPTION**

**MOVED:** That the Town authorize and request the Select Board to file Home Rule Legislation or other Special Legislation exempting the Town from the requirement to accept and grant applications for valuation, assessment, and taxation of land under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61B while maintaining the Town's first refusal option and ability to collect any and all applicable conveyance and roll-back taxes for applications previously granted under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61B.

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by Max Colice

Reporting: The Petitioner will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 10                      CITIZEN PETITION: TRANSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED  
(HIRED) BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**MOVED:**            That the Town Meeting vote to convert the Town’s elected Board of Assessors from an elected board to an appointed position pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, section 1B; and to request and authorize the Select Board in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41 sec. 1B, to place the following question on the 2024 Annual Town Election Ballot: “Shall the Town vote to have its elected Board of Assessors become an Appointed Board of Assessors of the Town? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.”

***(Majority Vote)***

Submitted by Angus Abercrombie

Reporting: The Petitioner will report on this Article.

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**ARTICLE 11                      APPROPRIATE FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOVED:**            That the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$35,700.00 from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding for a planning group to map out the needs of the community within the parameters of the opioid settlement.

***(Two-thirds majority Vote)***

Submitted by the Select Board

Reporting: The Select Board will report on this Article.